

TOWN REFERENDUM
February 3, 1998

In accordance with the Warrant, the polls were opened at 2:00 p.m. and closed at 8:00 p.m. The voters cast their ballots in their respective precincts. The results were as follows:

QUESTION

Do you approve of the motion, stated below, which was made and seconded at the special representative Town Meeting held on October 27 and 29, November 3, 5, 12, 17 and 19, and December 1, 1997 and was approved by a two-thirds tally vote, the vote being 135 in favor and 57 opposed?

A. That the Town raise and appropriate, subject to a guarantee of 75% reimbursement (max. \$3 million) by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts \$4,000,000 for construction of a two-level parking garage (one underground level and one surface level), but designed so as to accommodate a third, above ground level in the future if separately approved by Town Meeting; vehicular and pedestrian ways, incorporating significant public, pedestrian space; and for other municipal purposes in Boltwood Walk; for the acquisition of land and easements necessary for the construction of said garage, and to meet such appropriation the Treasurer be authorized to borrow \$4,000,000 in accordance with M.G.L. Chap. 44, Section 7, Clause 3A, and further to authorize the application for and acceptance of any gifts, bequests, or grants from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or otherwise and further to authorize the Treasurer to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement for said grants.

B. That the Town authorize the acquisition from the Amherst Redevelopment Authority or its successor by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise, of Parcels 60, 333, 224, and 285 of Map 14A of the Town Cadastre, located in Boltwood Walk and comprising 22,000 square feet more or less, for parking, pedestrian, and other municipal purposes.

C. That the Town authorize the acquisition from Mauro Aniello or their successor by eminent domain, purchase, gift or otherwise, of the easterly portion of Parcel 46 of Map 14A of the Town Cadastre, located in Boltwood Walk and comprising of 10,000 square feet more or less, for parking, pedestrian, and other municipal purposes.

	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4A</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10A</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
YES	56	266	135	91	1	135	256	226	384	199	60	2	1811
NO	<u>82</u>	<u>211</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>220</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>197</u>	<u>282</u>	<u>210</u>	<u>102</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1716</u>
TOTAL	138	477	276	149	2	355	468	423	666	409	162	2	3527

VOTE BY PRECINCTS

<u>Precinct</u>	<u>Ballots Cast</u>	<u>Number Registered</u>	<u>PM Return Time</u>	<u>% Turnout</u>
1	138	1145	8:52	12
2	477	1750	9:56	27
3	276	1377	8:48	20
4	149	478	9:10	31
4A	2	826	9:02	0
5	355	1477	9:10	24
6	468	1945	8:55	24
7	423	1809	8:53	23
8	666	2086	9:25	32
9	409	1731	8:29	24
10	162	706	9:08	23
10A	<u>2</u>	<u>451</u>	9:02	<u>0</u>
	3527	15781		22

The public announcement was made at 9:28 p.m. on February 3, 1998. 3,527 ballots were cast, representing 22% of the 15,781 registered voters. There were 1811 YES votes cast, representing 11.5% of the registered voters. There were 1716 NO votes cast, representing 10.9% of the registered voters.

Representative town meeting's vote of November 19, 1997 was upheld.

A true copy, attest:

Margaret Z. Nartowicz
Town Clerk